



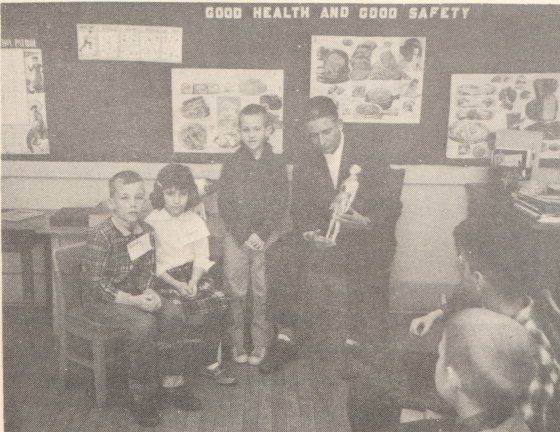
*Ypsilanti Public School*

# News

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## Begole Students Complete Health & Safety Unit

Under the direction of their student teacher, Mrs. Edna Watterson, E.M.U., Mrs. Pearl Rossbach's first grade completed a unit on health and safety. Various methods were used to study this unit. Among them were discussions by the pupils, and the student teacher. Also, demonstrations by the children were in order in this unit. The children with the use of an electric signal light became automobiles driving through an imaginary intersection. Other children pretended to be boys and girls crossing this busy intersection.



Dr. Young, father of David, spoke to the children on germs and the importance of a physical check-up. Dr. Young showed the children germs through his microscope.

Guest speaker, Mrs. Robert Benden, a nurse, spoke on good health, how to attain and keep it. She helped the boys and girls make individual toothbrush holders which they en-

joyed.

Another speaker was Trooper Johnston of the Michigan State Polic. The children enjoyed his talk, but they were fascinated by his car. The siren and light made their eyes twinkle.

As a culminating activity we visited the fire station.

## Civil War Topic of Prospect Assembly

On Thursday, March 22, a program was presented by Mrs. Blanche Kissane's 5th graders, with the 5th grade students of Mrs. Mildred Fletcher and Mrs. Beulah Bortz as guests.

The program consisted of songs, readings, poems, and a play based on "The Soldier's Reprieve", from the New York Observer.

Songs under the direction of Mrs. Olive Evans included "Dixie", "Battle Cry of Freedom", "When Johnny Comes Marching Home", "Goober Peas", "Tenting Tonight", "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp", and "Battle Hymn of the Republic".

Pat Wallis read "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address"; Gary Morrison gave Francis Miles Finch's "The Blue and the Gray", and Suzanne Guisasola recited "Barbara Fritchie" by John Greenleaf Whittier.

Vicki Stanifer read an original paper on "The Tragedies of the War Between the States". Scott Hines explained the Dred Scott Decision. Patsy Hendricks, Maureen Woodside, and Karen Kluck located the principal battlefields of the war.

In the play James Hettinger played the part of Bennie's father, Gary Harper took the part of the minister, and Cindy Truhn was the daughter, Blossom. Ralph Thompson was Abraham Lincoln.

## Perry School News Briefs

After finishing the textbook, "Our English Language", Mrs. Kersey's sixth grade had four panel discussions. The class of 34 divided into four groups, chose their topics, group chairmen, and used the Four-Five-Two discussion plan.



Marlene Atkins was the chairman for the topic "Self-discipline - Cheating"; Gregory Chandler, chairman for "Cartoons". Annie Bishop, "Self-discipline - Fighting", and Eli Williams, chairman for the topic "Care of School Property."

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The Sixth Grade boys in Mrs. Jane Rehberg's room have been enjoying three additional half hour periods of gym per week under the direction of student teacher Uneal Rayford. They have played basketball and wrestled, and participated in other organized games. Meantime, the girls have been learning to sew and knit and crochet. Several girls have cotton skirts partly finished, while others are starting on knitting and crocheting projects. The boys and girls look forward eagerly to these activity periods.

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Mrs. Baker's class at Perry School is in the process of studying about our 50th state, Hawaii. We have already seen several film strips and discussed such things as Kamehameha, the first king; volcanoes; industries, etc. Monday, March 19th, a Hawaiian girl, Naomie, came to tell us of her homeland and teach us the hula. At the end of our unit, we plan to have a luau with Mrs. Tapp's class

from Prospect School.

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Mrs. Harris' First Grade at Perry School made pictures of their families which are displayed in our halls and have caused much favorable comments. They made a large frieze to remind everyone to "Feed the Birds." We hope this will help others to be kind to our feathered friends.

### First Grade Sends Letters To Perry Principal

Mr. Beatty received 22 letters from Mrs. Sampson's 1st grade class. Through a handwriting lesson, Mrs. Capote (student teacher) taught the class how to write a letter. Then each child wrote a letter saying: "Dear Mr. Beatty, we like our school and our teacher." Every child wrote his name at the bottom of his letter. Mrs. Capote instructed the class in making envelopes and addressing them. Two children were chosen by their classmates to act as "mailmen". They took all the letters down to the principal's office. The following day he came to the room and expressed his surprise and thanks to the entire class for their nice letters. There were 22 bright, proud smiles in return!

## Erickson News Briefs

### MRS. HAMILTON'S KINDERGARTEN

Where is there a better spot to begin science than the Kindergarten, where the children display such natural curiosity and enthusiasm! We have studied about magnets. We looked inside the piano, as it was being played, to see what made the different tones. Now we are watching beans sprout in water and soil.

### MRS. GRAY'S KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergartens are looking forward with great anticipation to the "coming of spring." We have been discussing the changes in weather and clothing with filmstrips. We have pussy willows in our room, and we made dimensional birds of construction paper for the bulletin board and paper kites for our display window. The children are enjoying the learning and singing of spring songs and finger plays.

The children are busy watching for "signs" of spring and reporting their findings to the class. We are happy to be able to record windy sunny days on our weather chart.

#### MRS. WEAVER'S FIRST GRADE

The children in Mrs. Jean Weaver's first grade have been reading about air. They have been impressed by its "magic". Actually, they have discovered interesting facts about air through demonstrations and experiments.

#### MRS. WILLIAM'S FIRST GRADE

In room 103, first grade, we are spending a few minutes a day learning to speak French. The children have learned to ask each other their names, say "Good-morning", "Good-by", "Thank-you" and "You're welcome", and have learned to count to 10 in French. To stimulate interest in counting, we translated "Ten Little Indians" into French and they have learned to sing it.

The children are greatly interested in the comic strip "Contes Francais" which is running in the Ann Arbor News. Each daily strip is read to them in French and then translated into English. Jean Davis and Debby Turner, from our room, are faithful about clipping the story from the newspaper and bringing it to school.

#### MRS. FENKER'S FIRST GRADE

Our First Grade had been studying about "magnets" under the direction of our "helping teacher," Miss Roberts. The children have been fascinated to find things that the magnet "attracts" and "repels".

A very attractive bulletin board has been made by the children about things that our magnets attract and repel.

Each day the children look forward to finding out more about magnets and how they are used in our own daily lives.

We are happy to have all our boys and girls back with us again. The Chickenpox and flu kept so many out for so long.

#### MRS. ROBSON'S SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Robson is studying about the earth and the various planets in our solar system.

We were able to listen to John Glenn's flight on the radio and many children brought in articles concerning this historic event. We have seen quite a few filmstrips about space and hope to take a field trip to the Observatory in Ann Arbor.

#### MRS. LLOYD'S SECOND GRADE

We are now on a science unit about our earth, stars, moon and sun. We study the relationship of the earth to the other planets. We have talked about the moon and how it changes shape, (doing an experiment with a ball, light bulb and picture on the wall of the moon) showing that the moon changes shape because it travels around the earth. They have tried to find the Big and Little Dipper and the North Star in the sky. The children will draw a picture showing the earth, the moon, sun and some of the stars. We talk about the nine planets that go around the sun, and the possibility of man living on some of the other planets.

#### MISS MITCHELL'S THIRD GRADE

Our third grade is studying about our American Indians. Each committee is studying about a different culture group. We are enjoying reading the legends of each group such as the Iroquois, Chippewa, California, Pueblo, Sioux, Navajo and Indians of the Northwest and far North.

#### MRS. PHILBIN'S THIRD GRADE

Amy Mieras and Tom Johnston think geometry is "real cool" in Mrs. Philbin's third grade at Erickson School. A special textbook for primary grades is being used. The class is studying such terms as a line segment, to bisect, quadrilateral and perpendicular.

#### MRS. PELLER'S THIRD GRADE

Murals are a special love in our room. We have made several in connection with our Social Studies Unit on Communication and always a seasonal one graces our window. Almost everyone has had an opportunity to plan and paint a mural this year.

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## — CENTRAL CALENDAR —

(Every)	Tues.	Teen-Age Basket-	3:40 PM
		ball	
(Every)	Wed.	Brownie Troop	3:30 PM
(Every)	Fri.	Girl Scout Troop	3:30 PM
Mon.	Apr. 2	Voting all day in gym	
Thurs.	Apr. 5	Science Demon-	7:30 PM
		stration by students for parents	
Mon.	Apr. 9	Ypsilanti Physi-	7:30 PM
		cally Handicapped Assn.	
Mon.	Apr. 23	Cub Scout Pack 80	7:30 PM

### Central First Grade Presents Earth Program

On Wednesday, March 13, at 10:00 a.m., Central Elementary's 1st Grade presented a program about the Earth. The children read from a chart story while large murals depicted the seven days in which the earth was said to have been created. The following students had reading parts: Lewis Basom, Michelle Jordan, James Rowe, Steven Bottoms, Jackie McPherson, Trudy Rutherford, Dawn Basom, Darla Grimes, Ken Ahearn, Clare Freer, Jack Church, Garry Culver, Jimmy Garrett, Lynne Meadows, Becky Conn, Marla Harper, Pat Fox, Debbie Foust, Linda Faulk, Rebecca Brown, Tina Wise, John Hammond, Gerald Smith, Mike Buck, Janet Curry, Dennis Shaffer, Steve Guest and Puala DeMarco.

Debra Foust guided the children as they read the story. Ken Ahearn and Lewis Basom held the murals.

After the story, Dennis Shaffer, Lewis Basom, Janet Curry, Gerald Smith, Jackie McPherson, Michelle Jordan, Lynne Meadows and Rebecca Brown said poems.

Steve Bottoms introduced English and Spanish telephone conversations. The participants were Marla Harper, Steven Bottoms, Garry Culver, James Rowe, Ken Ahearn, Lewis Basom, Rebecca Brown and John Hammonds.

Animal songs were introduced by Marla Harper. The Cuckoo Clock song gave the children an opportunity to tell time. Trudy

Rutherford, Michelle Jordan, Dennis Shaffer, Ken Ahearn, Becky Conn, Sherry Matthews and Mike Russell told time from 1:00 to 7:00, respectively.

The climax of the program was a story told by Darla Grimes about a teddy bear who wouldn't sleep. All the children sang a Spanish lullaby to help the teddy bear relax.

The children were assisted in their efforts by their teacher, Mrs. Joyce Chamberlain and Mrs. Elizabeth Graffis, the assisting teacher from Eastern Michigan University.

On March 12th, the students in Mrs. Michelle Pesek's fifth grade class at Central School presented a play depicting the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. The play was adapted from the book *The Day Lincoln was Shot* by Jim Bishop. The fifth-graders invited their parents and other pupils of the school to attend the performance.

The idea for the play developed when, on February 12th, each student wrote a short paper on Mr. Lincoln's life. The class then voted for a boy and girl to direct the play. The co-directors selected children to try out for the various roles. After a great deal of very serious thought, each part was filled by a "star" and an "understudy." Each child in the class was asked to help in some way.

Through the cooperation of the parents and friends, the actors were supplied with quite authentic looking costumes. The black shawl worn by "Mrs. Lincoln" to the "Ford Theatre" was one that is over one-hundred years old.

Because of the efforts of these boys and girls, the untimely death of a great American President and the date Friday April 14, 1865, will live in the minds of the parents and students of Central School who viewed the performance.

### "Good Health" Subject of Study by Central Kindergarten

The Kindergarten class in Mrs. Durfee's room at Central Elementary has been very busy working on a health unit. A "Good Breakfast" bulletin board on display was discussed, and along with this the children made a "Good Breakfast" picture booklet, which consisted of foods that make up a nourishing breakfast.

Also, two movies were shown on good health in general.

"Good Health Habits" were also included in our unit. Dr. Fred Schelkun came to our room and performed magic tricks which pertained to dental health habits. He ended his program by producing a "magic toothbrush," and demonstrated how we brush our teeth.

Along with dental health, we have studied cleanliness, and good grooming habits. Various experiments concerning cleanliness are being conducted by the children and are on display in the classroom.

### Begole Has Three Student Teachers

Three students from Eastern Michigan began their student teaching at Begole this semester. Miss Karel Phillips from Wayne is working with Mrs. Winifred Thayer in Kindergarten; Mrs. Edna Watterson is working in first grade with Mrs. Pearl Roszbach; while Miss Carol Messecar, who comes from Detroit, is working with Mrs. Miller in second grade. All are very busily engaged in teaching units of work and planning field trips.

### Perry Organizes Hobby Club

The 5th grade boys and girls in Mrs. Chaires class at L. C. Perry School have organized a Hobby Club, which meets twice monthly. There are many different groups working various hobbies.

Glenda Carter, Patricia Jones and John Grinage are collecting stamps and postmarks. James Simpson, Charles Mitchell and Earl Hill are working on model airplanes. James LeFlouria, Michael White, Larry Hunter, Don Turrentine and Phillip Porter are collecting insects and writing reports about them. Barbara Robinson, Patricia Brown, Nancy McKivens, Brenda McLilly, Milton Ellis, Ronald Bass and Anthony Vick are collecting photographs and learning the processes involved in developing them. Faith Mitchell, Delora Walker, Linda Boone, Peggy Johnson, Aletha Fortune and Raymond Ware are drawing pictures of famous American pioneers.

We are looking forward to having a display

of our hobby collecting the last week in April. Our club officers are as follows: President, Ronald Bass; Vice-president, Larry Hunter; Secretary, Patricia Brown; Assistant Secretary, Barbara Robinson; Treasurer, Don Turrentine; Parliamentarian, Anthony Vick; Chairman of Program Committee, James Simpson; and Chairman of Social Committee, James LeFlouria.



Front row: Ronald Bass, Larry Hunter, Patricia Brown, Barbara Robinson. Second row: Anthony Vick, James LeFlouria, James Simpson and Don Turrentine.

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## — CHAPELLE CALENDAR —

(Every)	Mon.	Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
(Every)	Tues.	Brownies #362	3:15 PM
(Every)	Tues.	Webelos	7:00 PM
(Every)	Wed.	Girl Scouts #525	3:30 PM
(Every)	Thurs.	Brownies #596	3:15 PM
	Tues. Apr. 3	P.T.O.	8:00 PM
	Thurs. Apr. 5	A A U W	8:00 PM
	Thurs. Apr. 5	Huron Valley Lapidary Soc.	7:30 PM
	Fri. Apr. 6	Safety Patrol	3:30 PM
	Mon. Apr. 9	Harold Sterling's Variety Show	9:30 AM
	Tues. Apr. 10	Women's Federation Club of Ypsilanti	7:30 PM
	Thurs. Apr. 12	Altrusa Club	7:30 PM
	Fri. Apr. 13	Family Square Dance Club	6:30 PM
	Thurs. Apr. 19	Cub Pack #84 Meeting	7:30 PM

## — ESTABROOK CALENDAR —

Mon.	Apr. 2	Spring Election	7 AM-8 PM
"	"	Brownies	3:15 PM
"	"	Girl Scouts	3:15 PM
"	"	Square Dancing	7-10 PM
Tues.	Apr. 3	Boy Scouts	6:30-8:00 PM
Wed.	Apr. 4	Brownies	3:15 PM
"	"	Girl Scouts	3:30 PM
Mon.	Apr. 9	Brownies	3:15 PM
"	"	Girl Scouts	3:15 PM
"	"	Square Dancing	7-10 PM
Tues.	Apr. 10	Boy Scouts	6:30-8:00 PM
Wed.	Apr. 11	Brownies	3:15 PM
"	"	Girl Scouts	3:30 PM
"	"	Fun Night	7:00-8:00 PM
		Cub Scouts	
Thurs.	Apr. 12	Cub Scout Committee Meeting	7:30 PM
Mon.	Apr. 16	Brownies	3:15 PM
"	"	Girl Scouts	3:15 PM
Tues.	Apr. 17	Boy Scouts	6:30-8:00 PM
Wed.	Apr. 18	P.T.A.	8:00 PM
"	"	Brownies	3:15 PM
"	"	Girl Scouts	3:30 PM
Thurs.	Apr. 19	Cub Scout Pack Meeting	7:30 PM

Fri.	Apr. 20	Spring Vacation begins at noon	
April 23-27		Spring Vacation	
Mon.	Apr. 30	Brownies	3:15 PM
"	"	Girl Scouts	3:15 PM

## — ERICKSON CALENDAR —

(Every)	Mon.	Boy Scout Troop #98	7:00 PM
(Every)	Tues.	Brownie Troop #213	3:30 PM
"	"	Brownie Troop 2nd. Grade	3:30 PM
(Every)	Wed.	Brownie Troop	3:30 PM
(Every)	Thurs.	Girl Scout Troop	3:30 PM
"	"	Boy Scout Troop #82	7:00 PM
Mon.	Apr. 9	Jr. High Girl Scout Troop	
Mon.	Apr. 16	Mother's Club	8:00 PM
Tues.	Apr. 10	Pinewood Derby Meeting	Cub Pack 82
(Every)	Sat.	Men's Basketball	7-11 AM
April 20-30		Vacation - Hurrah!!	

## — PROSPECT CALENDAR —

Mon.	Apr. 2	Election	All Day
Tues.	Apr. 3	Cub Scout Committee	7:30 PM
"	"	Annual Instrumental Music Program	7:30 PM
Thurs.	Apr. 5	Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
Mon.	Apr. 9	Boy Scout Committee	7:30 PM
Tues.	Apr. 10	Den Mothers	8:00 PM
"	"	Girl Scout Comm.	9:00 AM
"	"	Girl Scout Movie	3:30 PM
Wed.	Apr. 11	Teen Club	
Thurs.	Apr. 12	Prospect Child Study Club	7:30 PM
"	"	Boy Scouts	
Mon.	Apr. 16	PTA	7:30 PM
Thurs.	Apr. 19	Boy Scouts	
April 20-30		Spring Vacation	
Mon.	Apr. 30	Cubs	7:00 PM

## Indian Program at Thorne

Mrs. Carol McKillop's 3rd and 4th grade students presented a program about Indians in connection with recent social studies and language arts.

The students painted a mural for a backdrop, and erected an authentic teepee.



Chief Mike Hendricks, Pete Kingston, Gordie Kline and Robby Swope did a war dance and then went of a buffalo hunt, catching three buffalo: Chuck Bruner, David McAllister and Tim Hanson. There was a wrestling match to see who got the biggest buffalo, while squaws Paula Wusthoff and Evelyn Walters cooked.

Bonnie Lindsey narrated a ceremonial wedding, with Shelley Hanson as the bride and Bob Murray as the groom.

The father, Harrison Rogers, and the mother, Linda Pace, prepared a feast with the help of Linda Anderson and Gordon J. Kline.

## Arts & Crafts Displayed at Prospect

The Special Education class at Prospect School has just completed several projects in arts and crafts which have been placed on display in the showcase.

Each child fashioned a unique animal door stop from wood using a coping saw, paint and shellac.

Stitchery, another project, was done on colored burlap using bright colored yarn. Oil-cloth mats were given added interest and brightened with an interweaving of wooden slats.

Arts and crafts such as these are an in-

tegral part of our program as these projects help to improve coordination.

## Pledge of Allegiance at Central

In the fall it was decided that the fourth graders would "translate" the Pledge of Allegiance into words that they could understand. After lengthy discussion and extensive use of the dictionary, this version was written and is now recited each morning immediately following the "regular" version:

I PROMISE TO HONOR AND RESPECT THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE IT STANDS FOR; ONE COUNTRY, UNDER GOD, NEVER TO BE DIVIDED, WITH FREEDOM AND FAIRNESS FOR ALL.

## Dioramas Made at Central

Last week, after completion of the social studies unit on Maine and Norway, dioramas were made on subjects chosen by the children themselves about these two areas. Ingenious materials were utilized: scraps of material, clothespins, net for fishing, salt and clay for the whales and mountains and so forth, straws, buttons (one for the light in a lighthouse), needle and thread, tempera paint, and many more things. The boys and girls were very proud to have all of the other fourth and fifth graders at Chapelle come into their room and view their handiwork.

## Prospect K's Have Farm

Prospect Kindergarten has a farm that is not quite like any other farm anywhere. Corn grows higher than the silo and oats and wheat come up almost as wide as the pigs.

The name of the farm is Good Food Farm and it is the project, pride and joy of the Kindergarten at Prospect School. The two teachers who worked together on the project with all the children are Mrs. Ida Stadler and Mrs. Carol Stark.

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(Cont.) MRS. VOORHEES FOURTH GRADE

Room 129 is working on a science unit in anatomy. Committees will present a program in which they will discuss the various systems of the body.

MISS HERSHEY'S FOURTH GRADE

Our Science class is studying AIR AS A MOVER. We are learning ways in which air is thrown off balance in order to make it work for us. We have done experiments to prove that changing air pressure causes the stronger air to push. We have also experimented with expansion of air. Some of our observations of air at work includes the vacuum cleaner, the airplane, atomizers, and the drinking straw.

One of our reading groups is dramatizing a story. Children are in charge of the props and two children are directing.

MRS. CAIN'S 4TH-5TH GRADE

The combination 4th and 5th grade is preparing for spring. We hope it is here to stay, or will be soon. To herald the event some of our students have planned to present a short "student planned" program to the rest of our room around the theme "Spring Is Here". We are also making panels of colored paper with designs about spring on them.

In Science we are studying a unit on Pre-historic Animals and Plants. As a climax we hope to each build an animal around a newspaper foundation. We hope to make some very interesting ones others will enjoy seeing.

MRS. FITZHARRIS' FIFTH GRADE

In Mrs. Fitzharris' room we are very interested in foreign money from Brazil, Great Britain, Japan, Formosa, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Germany and Belgium. The money is displayed in our show window in front of a map of the world. At the present time we are also studying the Western United States using maps, viewmaster reels and slides. We are planning our own travel show on this region.

MRS. BARR'S FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Barr's 5th grade under the direction of Mrs. Judith Purdie, student teacher, is completing a successful unit on electricity. To

begin the unit, the class submitted and outlined questions about electricity. Study groups were organized and experimentation answered their basic technical questions. The committees discussed radio and television, generators uses of electricity, AC and DC current, and the discovery of light bulbs.

The school furnished switches, wire, bulbs, and dry cells for the students' use. Some children brought generators and transformers from home. A display of an electrical city was set up for all to view, and a list of safety rules for everyday usage of electricity was compiled.

MR. BLOCK'S SIXTH GRADE

A project on Russia is the main topic of discussion in this room. The children have been making charts, graphs and reports on the levels of living, transportation, communication, government, etc. on the Russian people.

MRS. MALARNEY'S SIXTH GRADE

Mrs. William Malarney is teaching beginning French to her sixth grade class at Erickson School. The lessons are given every Wednesday and Friday afternoons and last from forty-five minutes to an hour, depending on the class's enthusiasm.

The emphasis of the teaching is mainly on conversation, although some grammar is taught when needed for clarification. The children have thus far acquired a vocabulary of approximately two hundred words and are learning gradually to speak and think in a new tongue. It has proved an exciting and rewarding experience for students and teacher, alike.

— PERRY CALENDAR —

Fri.	Mar. 30	4th Grade Assembly, Mrs. Jackson & Rose-brough	10:00 AM
"	"	Property Owners Assn. Banquet	6:30 PM
Sun.	Apr. 1	L'Esprit Club Tea	4:00 PM
Mon.	Apr. 2	Staff Meeting	3:30 PM
Wed.	Apr. 11	Spec. Ed. Screening Comm.	3:30 PM

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Standing on a table in the classroom, the tiny farm is complete in every respect. It has a house, silo, barn, animals, truck and fields of corn, wheat, oats and a pasture of clover and timothy seed. The five and six year old children have been watching the corn spring from the earth and seeing the wheat and oats grow higher every day.

The children are now interested in the cereals they are eating. They are watching to see if the cereal is made from oats, wheat or corn.

### **Estabrook Kindergarteners Prepare Red Cross Gift Boxes**

On Tuesday, March 27th, Miss Skeels' 64 kindergarteners went on a shopping trip to purchase materials for their Junior Red Cross gift boxes which will be sent to boys and girls in disaster areas in the United States and foreign countries.

The children gladly offer their savings to those less fortunate.



When completed, each box will contain soap, tooth brushes and paste, a comb, crayons, paper and pencils, needles, thread, pins, a toy and other miscellaneous items.

### **Cocoon "Hatches" at Prospect**

Last fall Pamela Hanback, in Mrs. Squire's 2nd Grade room at Prospect, brought a cocoon to school. A discussion was held on caterpil-

lars and how they spin their cocoons and sleep during the winter. They also talked about the miracle that takes place in the spring. The cocoon was put safely away in Mrs. Squire's desk for the winter. Last week they decided it was time to get it out. It was fastened to the bulletin board in hopes of hastening spring.

A few days later the children watched in amazement as a large moth emerged from the cocoon. It was very beautiful, but no one knew what kind it was. This led to considerable research. They found out it was a Polyphemus moth. Douglas Paschall brought his World Book Encyclopedia and Mrs. Squire read all about moths.

The children then decided to draw pictures and write stories about the moth.

### **A STORY**

This is the story of the Polyphemus moth. He has an unusual body. He has things that look like eyes on his wings to scare his enemies. He has scales like the butterfly. He likes to stay by windows.

Bill Wadke

### **THE POLYPHEMUS**

The Polyphemus moth is a rare kind of moth. It looks like it has eyes on its wings. They keep owls and other enemies from eating the Polyphemus. The eyes on its wings are not real.

Mike Murray

### **A MOTH**

This moth is called a Polyphemus. His body is fuzzy and fat. His wings are long and straight. He looks like a butterfly, but he is a moth.

Homer Stevens

### **POLYPHEMUS**

We have a moth and his wings are very pretty. On the sides of his wings are two round things called eyes. Long, long ago people believed that there was a monster who had a round eye in the middle of his forehead. His name was Polyphemus. That is why they called the moth a Polyphemus.

Nancy Coleman

## As Heard in the Classrooms

One sixth grader said to another: "Don't let Mrs. Kersey raise her eyebrows on you. If she does, man you're in trouble."

A slip of the tongue - A fifth grade boy said to Mrs. Vick, school secretary, who was about to remove a splinter from his hand: "Don't forget to fertilize that needle!"

A second grade boy to Mrs. Brooks, who had told him a number of times to remain in his seat: "You are about to drive me crazy!"

## Begole Kindergarten Studies Pets.

"Our Pets" has been the topic of interest for the kindergarten class at Begole School. The unit was carried out under the direction of the student teacher, Miss Karel Phillips. The children have learned about the home, care and feeding habits of various pets through the use of the Opaque Projector, filmstrips and other media.



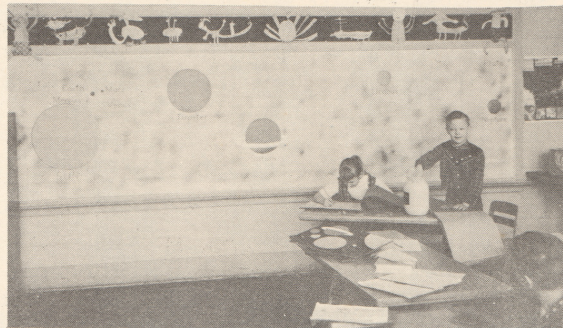
Several of the children's dogs visited our school on "Dog Day"; Cheryl Powell brought her poodle, Cindy Cxford, a Basset, Debbie Young, a Basset, Evan Walters, a Cocker Spaniel; Vicky Miller brought her big dog which is half Collie and half German Shepherd. Also Ray Shock brought his little black dog.

As a culminating activity the children, driven by Mrs. Lutz, Mrs. Young, and Mrs. Miller, visited the Humane Society's Animal shelter where they saw dogs, cats, monkeys and a rabbit. The children were each given a little booklet on the care of dogs and one on the care of cats.

The unit has increased the children's appreciation for pets, and has provided for creativity through art, language and music.

## Begole's Second Graders Study Space

Mrs. Miller's second graders of Begole have been studying about space for the last two weeks. With the help of their student teacher, Miss Carol Messecar, they sprayed a bulletin board on which to put all the planets. As each planet was discussed it was put up on the bulletin board.



At the same time each of the children cut out a smaller planet to put on the front of their scrapbooks identical in proportion to the arrangement on the board. They wrote stories about each of the following planets: the Sun, the Earth, Mercury, Pluto, Mars, Venus, Uranus, Neptune, Jupiter, and Saturn.

Raymond Hutchinson wrote a poem about the Sun which they also included in their scrapbooks. Many of the children completed their scrapbooks by adding pictures and articles of their own.

Out of a shoe box each child made a constellation box showing the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper. They also made space hats out of paper bags, construction paper, cellophane, and string.

The class will continue to learn about space by studying rockets and space travel.

## Perry Showcase Displays Paper Raffia

This display window at Perry School attracts the attention of everyone who passes through the halls. The paper raffia articles are the results of two weeks art work in Mrs. Annie-belle Jackson's 4th grade class. It reminds one of the beautiful work done by the American Indians.